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Title: Need to construct a railway line from Thalasserry to Mysore, with a view to benefit the people of Malabar region in Kerala.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (CALICUT): There is no direct rail link from cities like Calicut, Kannur and Mangalore on Malabar Hills to cities like Hyderabad, Thirupathy and Howrah. On persistent demand of the people of the area, late Shri Lai Bahadur Shastri, then Railway Minister had publicly declared 50 years ago that the proposal to construct railway line from Thalasserry to Mysore had been accepted. Thereafter, three surveys were conducted to carryout the proposal but no follow up action has been taken to meet the aspirations of the people of Malabar region. The proposed new railway line will reduce distance between Kannur and Bangalore from 708 Kms to only 339 Kms. Similarly, the distance from other places on Malabar side to Chennai, Hyderabad and Howrah will come down drastically. Moreover, these will be easier access to southern and eastern parts of the country from Mangalore which is coming up fast there. The petro-products could be transported more economically through the new route. The economy of the entire Malabar region will get a boost by opening up of the area through this route.

Therefore, I urge the Hon'ble Railway Minister to take up the project expeditiously.